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Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs the Honorable Todd A. Weiler attends a data analytics capabilities roundtable discussion with NPS leadership in Herrmann Hall, Aug. 29. Weiler serves as the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) on all matters relating to civilian and military personnel policies, reserve integration, military community and family policy, and total force planning and requirements.

"I found the meeting absolutely fascinating," said Weiler. "I don't often see the collaboration that I saw from the different schools [at NPS] working together to solve issues from other commands. This collaboration is critically important in the way we address policy issues."

Multiple NPS academic departments briefed Weiler on the university's capabilities, offering a snapshot of current initiatives and ongoing research programs underway. Specific efforts discussed demonstrate how data is used to analyze a broad range of topical areas, including tuition assistance, bonuses, and even military recruiting.

"We tailor our education and research directly to DOD problems and sponsors," said NPS Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Dr. Doug Moses, adding that the capabilities highlighted during the discussion are largely due to the university's expansion into data science, business data analytics, and network science.

"I think there are some tremendous capabilities here ... Keep up the great work and I look forward to working with the faculty and students on a regular basis for policy. This a fantastic facility and I look forward to continuing to support it," added Weiler.